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**PATENT**

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For:	<b>METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EARLY DETECTION OF DISEASE</b>		

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED AUGUST 14, 2006**

Sir:

This is in reply to the Office Action mailed August 14, 2006 in the above-referenced patent application. This Response is being submitted within the second month after the shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action. A separate Petition and Fee for a two-month extension of time are being submitted herewith. With the extension, the deadline for response is reset to expire on January 16, 2007 (January 14, 2007 being a Sunday and January 15, 2007 being a federal holiday).

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**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this Response.